

1. (Amended) A method for enabling identification of a buyer during a transaction, comprising the steps of:

generating an electronic portrait of a buyer, the electronic portrait enabling generation of a physical identifier for comparison to the buyer by a seller;

storing the electronic portrait in a personal device to enable access of the electronic portrait by a seller during a transaction; and

transmitting the electronic portrait to a seller via a wireless interface during a transaction.

2. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of storing further comprises the step of storing the electronic portrait within [a] the certificate in a personal device.

7. (Amended) A method for enabling identification of a buyer during a transaction, comprising the steps of:

generating an electronic portrait of a buyer, the electronic portrait enabling generation of a physical identifier for comparison to the buyer by a seller;

[The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of storing further comprises the steps of:]

storing the electronic portrait at a remote location accessible via the personal device; [and]

9 storing an identifier within the personal device enabling access to the
10 electronic portrait at the remote location[.]; and
11 transmitting the electronic portrait to a seller via a wireless interface during a
12 transaction.

1 9. (Amended) A method for enabling identification of a buyer during a
2 transaction, comprising the steps of:
3 receiving an electronic portrait from a personal device of a buyer via a short
4 range wireless interface, the electronic portrait enabling generation of a physical
5 identifier for comparison to the buyer by a seller using equipment of the seller;
6 generating the physical identifier from the received electronic portrait;
7 displaying the physical identifier to the seller using equipment of the seller;
8 and
9 completing the transaction if the physical identifier corresponds to the buyer.

1 10. (Amended) The method of Claim 9 further comprising the step of
2 interconnecting with [a] the personal device containing the electronic portrait via the
3 bluetooth interface.

1 16. (Amended) A method for enabling identification of a buyer during
2 a transaction, comprising the steps of:

3 [The method of Claim 9, wherein the step of receiving further includes the
4 steps of:]

5 receiving an identifier enabling access to a location remote from the personal
6 device containing the electronic portrait; [and]

7 accessing the electronic portrait using the identifier[.];

8 generating the physical identifier from the received electronic portrait;

9 displaying the physical identifier to the seller using equipment of the seller;

10 and

11 completing the transaction if the physical identifier corresponds to the buyer.

1 18. (Amended) A method for enabling identification of a buyer during
2 a transaction comprising the steps of:

3 generating an electronic portrait of a buyer, the electronic portrait enabling
4 generation of a physical identifier for comparison to the buyer by a seller;

5 [storing the electronic portrait to enable access of the electronic portrait by the
6 seller during a transaction;]

7 storing the electronic portrait at a remote location accessible via the personal
8 device;

9 storing an identifier within the personal device enabling access to the
10 electronic portrait at the remote location;

11 establishing a wireless communications link between a personal device and
12 the seller;
13 receiving the electronic portrait from a buyer via the [bluetooth] wireless
14 communications link;
15 generating the physical identifier from the received electronic portrait;
16 displaying the physical identifier to the seller on equipment of the seller; and
17 completing the transaction if the physical identifier corresponds to the buyer.

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002, Applicant has amended Claims 1-2, 7, 9-10, 16 and 18, and canceled Claims 19-20, 23 and 26. Thus, Claims 1-18, 21-22, 24-25 and 27-34 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration of the claims, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 18-22, 24, 25 and 35-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pare, Jr. et al., in view of Houvener et al. and Maes et al. Claim 1 has been amended to more particularly recite the step of storing the electronic portrait to enable access of the electronic portrait by a seller during a transaction in a personal device. Applicant respectfully submits that the recited references do not describe storing an electronic portrait in a personal device. With respect to the Pare reference, a purpose of the described invention is to provide a commercial transaction system ensuring customer convenience by providing authorization without forcing the consumer to possess, carry and present one or more proprietary objects in order to authorize a transaction (Column 3, Lines 49-53). In the Pare